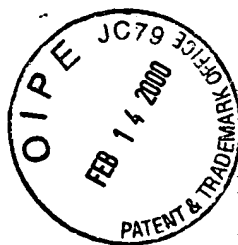


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In re:	Patent Application of Darwin J. Prockop <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1633 : :
Appln. No.:	09/028,395	: Examiner: Janet M. Kerr : :
Filed:	February 24, 1998	: Attorney Docket : :
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 4, 1999 (Paper No. 6), sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action to and through March 6, 2000 (March 4 and March 5, 2000, being a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 2 and 8, without prejudice, as follows:

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said human donor is not

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